NC City Police Department Earns State Accreditation

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Sergeant Lou Torres. Patrolman First Class Ashleigh Cavanaugh, Detective Michael Rodick. Detective Andrew Davis, Patrolman Dominick Mills. Chief Richard McCabe, Patrolman First Class Kyle Borden, Officer Anthony Massello, Officer Joseph Shanahan, Captain Keith Dempsey, Captain Tina Shughart

DOVER, DE — After completing a long and arduous process, the New Castle City Police Department became the fifth police agency to earn State accreditation through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC).

"The State accreditation process raises the standards for our law enforcement agencies and sets the bar for excellence. Earning accreditation has clear benefits for this police agency, its officers and the community it serves. We recognize the New Castle City Police Department for its commitment to meeting these standards set by their peers," said Safety and Homeland Security Secretary Nathaniel McQueen Jr., who is also the DPAC chair.

The DPAC was formed in 2008 to develop State standards relating to technical, operational and training support to ensure consistency of operations within local police agencies. Over the past year, DPAC Accreditation Program Coordinator Jacob Morente worked closely with Chief Richard McCabe and his team to prepare for the accreditation.

"This was a process that required an incredible amount of teamwork. The turning point was when I recognized the men and women of this agency embraced and supported the accreditation process," Chief McCabe said. "When I met with Jacob, he told me that the rule of thumb to prove we have met a standard is, if it's not in writing, it didn't happen. I also knew that this process requires support from the community. I recognized that if we are successful at both proving we meet standards and working with our community, we would build public confidence."

"The majority of the department's policies were already in place. This process enhanced those policies and helped develop new ones. Accreditation increases the agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services. It enhances community understanding of the agency and its role in the community as well as its goals and objectives," Morente said.